

MINUTES OF MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
HELD
OCTOBER 20, 2010

Members Present:

Commissioner Clyde Reese
Commissioner Brian Owens
Representative Katie Dempsey
Stanley Jones
Julie Spores, by phone
Diane Reeder, by phone
Commissioner James Donald
William McDonald, M.D.
Khari Hunt, for B.J. Walker
Don Watt, for Commissioner Mike Beatty
Annette McCauley, for Commissioner Michael Thurmond

Members Absent:

Commissioner Garland R. Hunt
State Disability Services Ombudsman
Brad Bryant, State Superintendent of Schools

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2010

A Motion was made by Commissioner Owens to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2010. Motion seconded by Stanley Jones and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2010

A Motion was made by Commissioner Reese to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2010. Representative Katie Dempsey noted that she was present at the July meeting by telephone. Motion seconded by Representative Dempsey. Minutes unanimously approved with correction.

ELECTION OF NEW VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Frank Shelp noted that the Council needed to elect a new vice chair with the appointment of Vice Chair Commissioner Murray to the Pardons and Paroles Board. Commissioner James Donald made a motion to elect Commissioner Brian Owens as Vice Chair. Representative Katie Dempsey seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL BYLAWS

Commissioner Clyde Reese noted that the original Bylaws of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, effective January 6, 2010, did not include an Executive Committee for the Council, as the Council at that time included only ten (10) members. With the statutory addition of five new members, the Council could benefit from the establishment of an Executive Committee to make its work more efficient.

Commissioner Reese made a Motion that the Behavioral Health Bylaws be amended to add to the membership of the Council, the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of labor, the state school superintendent, the chairperson of the state board of pardons and paroles and the ombudsman. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner James Donald and was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Shelp noted that the Executive Committee will be composed of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, and two (2) other members of the Council to make a five (5) person Executive Committee. Commissioner Shelp recommended that Commissioners Reese and Owens be appointed as the two

other members. A Motion was made by Stanley Jones and seconded by Representative Dempsey that they be appointed and that they serve for a period of two years. Motion unanimously approved.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE WORKGROUP

Cassandra Price, Chair of the Executive Workgroup reported that the Workgroup have secured the report done in 2007 by DOAS on pharmacy purchasing and practices. DOAS wants to meet with the Executive Workgroup concerning the makeup of the report. The Executive Workgroup will release the report after its meetings with DOAS.

PRESENTATION – MEDICAID PHARMACY

Mr. Jerry Dubberly, Chief Medicaid Officer, Department of Community Health. The initiatives for 2011 were discussed which included: continuity of Operations, Preparedness, customer service, emergency preparedness, financial and program integrity, health care consumerism, health improvement, health care transformation, public health and workforce development. Mr. Dubberly also noted that selected mental health drug categories including the atypical antipsychotics were included in a Medicaid fee-for-service outpatient pharmacy preferred drug list (PDL) program. He also discussed the implementation, considerations in PA process and program reviews. He also noted that DCH is a "payer" versus purchasers of drugs. Medicaid reimburse pharmacies according to the established fee schedule and also noted that Medicaid does not purchase, store, distribute or dispense drugs. A copy of the presentation is made a part of the Minutes.

OPEN DOORS TO RECOVERY PROJECT

Diane Reeder reported that Open Doors to Recovery will be holding stakeholders meetings throughout the region to gain support and commitment to the project. ODR has held meetings with some sheriffs, police chiefs, legislators and mayors in Region 5. She also asked that the Coordinating Council work with ODR to find ways to share information and technology that will support their agencies in the 34 counties in placing the "100" into recovery. In doing so, the project will serve as a model of success for treatment in the state and all mental health consumers in the region will benefit as the community is educated and moved into recovery.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Department of Justice Settlement

Commissioner Shelp announced that the Department of Justice and the State of Georgia reached a signed agreement on October 19, 2010. He noted that there are basically two agreements, the CRIPA Settlement is hospital focused and the ADA Settlement is community focused. In the settlement with DOJ, the Department has agreed to significantly increase the number of consumers receiving evidence-based practice supported employment services over the next five years. Under the CRIPA agreement, areas requiring compliance, the state has agreed to, a) protection from harm, (b) mental health care, c) seclusion or restraint, d) medical and nursing care, e) services with populations with specialized needs, and f) discharge planning.

The CRIPA settlement terminates in five years (2014) provided that all areas of the agreement are in substantial compliance. He noted that the CRIPA agreement is binding on the state and its agencies, Departments and contracted parties providing services. He reported that the ADA settlement agreement is focused largely on two groups of individuals, 1) persons with developmental disabilities who would otherwise be served in ICF/MR facilities and persons with serious and persistent mental illness; 2) by July 2011, the state will cease admissions to the state hospitals of all individuals for whom the reason is due to a primary diagnosis of developmental disability; make necessary changes to TIC (temporary and Immediate care) law and move all individuals currently in State operated ICF/MR services (who have approved waivers) back to the community.

He also noted that these are just a few of the agreements in place with the Department of Justice.

SUPPORTED HOUSING

Commissioner Shelp reported that Supported Housing is assistance, including psycho-social supports to persons with SPMI in the target population that will assist such individuals in attaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing and support their integration into the community. The Supported Housing piece in the settlement agreement includes integrated permanent housing with tenancy rights, linked with flexible community-based services that are available to consumers when they need them, but are not mandated as a condition of tenancy.

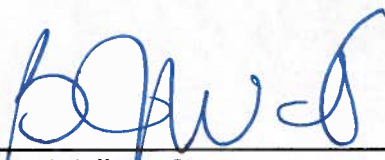
DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Chairman Shelp noted that the next meeting has not been scheduled and requested that the Council meet again before the legislative session in December. Potential dates will be forwarded to Council members and a date will be announced.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner James Donald and seconded by Commissioner Brian Owens. The Meeting was adjourned at 2:45p.m.



B. J. Walker, Secretary

APPROVED:



Frank E. Shelp, Chair